

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse Group I and "DNA, oligonucleotide, RNA". With regard to the species election requirements, Applicants elect "elastic force of an elastic membrane" and "wound". The claims that read on the elected group and species are claims 1, 6, and 9-14. The Examiner is respectfully reminded that, if a generic claim is found to be allowable, applicants are entitled to consideration of additional species within the scope of the allowable generic claim.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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